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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
ABSTRACT.

MILITARY - Madras Provincial and District Sailors', Soldiers and Airmen's Boards - Re-organisation - Amendments to G.O.No.800 Public (War) dated 17th March, 1943. - Issued.

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DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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Read the following:-

G.O.No.800 Public (War) dated 17th March, 1943
G.O.No.Ms.3054, Development dated 7th June, 1948.
From the Deputy Director of Resettlement and Employment and Ex-officio Secretary, Madras Provincial Sailors', Soldiers' and Airmen's Board, Madras No.1983/48, dated 22nd December, 1948.

O R D E R:

The following amendments to G.O.Ms.No.800 Public (War), dated 17th March, 1943 are issued:-

AMENDMENTS.

In the heading of the second paragraph:-
delete the words "existing position"; and substitute the word "transition".

In the last sentence in that paragraph;
delete the words "are now"; and substitute the word "were".

Paragraph 3 and 4 may be combined into one and the heading will be "Re-organisation in 1943 - Constitution of Provincial Soldiers' Board, District Soldiers" Boards and Taluk Soldiers' Committees"

The following paragraph may be substituted for the existing paragraphs 3 and 4:-

"3 RE-ORGANISATION IN 1943 - CONSTITUTION OF PROVINCIAL SOLDIERS' BOARD, DISTRICT SOLDIERS BOARDS AND TALUK SOLDIERS' COMMITTEES. The Government of India and the Army Headquarters had under their consideration a thorough re-organisation of the scheme of Soldiers' Boards. The war had greatly increased the value and complexity of the work of the few Soldiers' Boards that existed then and it emphasised the importance of establishing close liaison between covil authorities and military organisation. The Soldiers' Boards provide a useful link in this respect. If the Boards were left under the exclusive control of the civil administration they must necessarily have the assistance of military officers since a large amount of the work is connected with military matters concerning which civil officers have little or no knowledge. On the other hand, in the conditions created by the war, the efficiency of the Soldiers' Boards could not be maintained without associating the Provincial Government with the actual working of the Boards. A revision of constitution and functions of the District Soldiers' Boards was therefore considered necessary, particularly with a view to the establishment of a closer liaison between the civil and Military and to the more effective safeguarding of the interests of the ex-servicemen and his family and of the families of servicemen. It was also felt necessary to utilise to a greater extent than before the machinery of the District Soldiers' Boards for the dissemination of correct war news and the combating of subversive propaga paganda. It was therefore considered that for the attainment of the objects in view the necessary preliminary was to bring the District Soldiers' Boards into more direct contact with the Civil administration by associating District Revenue Officers directly

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with the working of such Boards. IIt was felt that the direction and general superivsion of those Boards should receive the special attention of such officers while on tour. This could only be ensured by an adequate representation of the Soldiers' Boards of each area containing a sufficient number of ex-servicemen, of ex-Viceroy's Commissioned officers and ex-Indian Warrant Officers and Officers of the Revenue Department and non-official Gentlemen who are interested in the welfare of servicemen. It was decided therefore to gevive the District Soldiers' Boards and to increase their number in order to ensure continuity of welfare work for serving as well as demobilised and discharged servicemen and their families.

So far as the Province of Madras was concerned, 25 District Soldiers' Boards and 1 Provincial Soldiers' Board called the Madras Provincial Sailors', Soldiers' and Airmen's Board to supervise and co-ordinate the work of the District Boards were established. The old Madras Soldiers' Board was absorbed and its records distributed to the new District Soldiers Boards and the Provincial Soldiers' Board. The Andhra Soldiers' Board resumed its original status of Vizagapatam District Soldiers' Board.

The Object of the existence of the Soldiers' Boards is the welf of the families of Soldiers, serving as well as demobilised and discharged; Family welfare centres round the Indian Soldiers' Board and the Provincial and District Soldiers' Boards. These organisations are intented to watch the interests of servicemen's families and to maintain morals on the home front. They function under the aegis of the Government, and the District Soldiers' Boards are under the direct control of the Collectors concerned. The vital duty devolves on the collectors of caring for ex-soldiers and dependants of - servicemen who are absent from their homes. Investigation of complaints from dependants of non-receipt of pensions, faily allotments or letters from servicemen the safeguarding of the interest of ex-servicemen in law suits, protection from exploitation by unscrupulous persons or private enemies are some of the principal aspects which have an imperative claim on the personal attention and solicitude of the Collectors concerned. No serviceman can be expected to do his duty unless his mind is at rest as regards his family at home and this is perhaps the greatest factor in maintaining morals."

The following will be the fourth paraprahh:-

"4. FURTHER REORGANISATION IN 1948. Since the constitution of the Provincial Soldiers' Board and District Soldiers' Boards in 1943, the entire expenditure on the Provincial Board was being borne by the Madras Government and the entire expenditure on the District Boards was being met by the Defence Department, Government of India, except the Travelling allowance of non-official members of the District Boards we which was also being met by the Madras Government. In April, 1946, the Government of India proposed to revise the pay of Secretaries of the District Boards, appoint ex-Commissioned officers in the place of Ex-V.C.Os and also to increase the staff by creating new posts of Assistant Secretaries to some of the District Boards and suggested that the cost of maintaining the District Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Boards should be borne equally by the Central Government and the Provincial Government. On account of the heavy expenditure involved in the proposal, the Government of Madras could not entirely agree to this proposal. Instead they sanctioned with effect from 15th June, 1948 a scheme which is economical and at the same time efficient. By this scheme the paid Secretaries of the Provincial and District Boards were abolished and the Deputy Director of Resettlement and Employment was appointed ex-officio Secretary of the Provincial Board and the Employment Officers of the Employment organisation in each district was appointed as the ex-Officio Secretary of the respective District Sailors', Soldiers' and Airmen's Boards. The Nilgiris district Sailors', Soldiers' and Airmen's Board was however abolished and the Coimbatore Board was given extended jurisdiction over the Nilgiris district also, two non-officials of the Nilgiris district representing that district in the Coimbatore District Sailors', Soldiers, and Airmen's Board. The staff of the Provincial and District Boards was

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also considerably retrenched. From 15th June, 1948 the entire expenditure on the re-organised Provincial and District Boards is being met by the Provincial Government of Madras .

Very little change was effected in the constitution of these Boar in the re-organisation in 1948. The constitution and location of the District and Provincial Soldiers' Boards as re-organised is deseribed i the following paragraphs."

In paragraph 5(a)

alter "The Commandant, Indian Women's Civil Corps" as "Women's Welfare Officer, Department of Women's Welfare, Madras."
delete "Sri Divan Bahadur V. Shanmuga Mudaliar, C.B.E." as he has resigned his membership.

alter "six V.C.Os."
as "Six ex-V.C.Os. or ex-Junior Commissioned Officers."
delete the sentence "The Secretary to this Board will be a demobilised military officer or senior rank"; and
insert "The Secretary to this Board will be the Deputy Director of Resettlement and Employment, Madras."
Delete the next sentence "He will be an Officer under the Government of Madras and paid from the Provincial Budget"; and
insert"He will hold the office of the Secretary to this Board ex-Officio.

In sub para (b) Staff:

Delete the following words " of 2 clerks" and
insert "2 Upper Division Cerks, 1 Lower Division Clerk and 1 typist".

Insert the following sentence for the sentence ending with the "Volume of Work". "2 Lower Division Clerks have been additionally sanctioned for the present till the 31st March, 1949.

In paragraph 6 in the first sentence

delete the word "twenty-five"; and
insert "twenty-four"

Under the name of Board

delete "Kistna" and substitute "Krishna"
delete "Trichinopoly" and substitute "Tiruchirapalli".

Under Location

delete "Cocanada" and substitute "Kakinada".
delete "Ellore" and substitute "Elura"
delete"Masulipatnam" and substitute "Vijayawada"
delete "St. Thomas Mount" and substitute "Saidapet"
delete "Trichinopoly" and substitute "Tiruchirapalli".

Under the Name of Board and Location

delete words "The Nilgiris" and Ootacamund".
delete also the words "Affiliated Bangalore Sailors', Soldiers' and Airmen's Board, Bangalore."

In paragraph 6 (b) against Vice President

delete the words "Military Member"; and
insert the following "(1) A Military member provided by the unit stationed at a place nearby if there is one or (2) The Recruiting Officer of Assistant Recruiting Officer in cases where there is no unit at a nearby station which can provide a military member".

In paragraph 6 (b) under members in the second and third lines

delete the words "Special Assistants (Ex-servicemen's Resettlement)".
insert the words "ex-Junior Commissioned Officers" between "ex-Viceroy's Commissioned Officers" and"Non-Commissioned Officers" in lines 11 and 12 under members in paragraph 6 (b) and alter "Non-Commissioned Officers" in line 12 as "ex-Non-Commissioned Officers" and alter "men of the Indian Army" as "ex-servicemen of the Indian Army".
alter the words "The Assistant Commandant, Indian Women's Civic Corps" in lines 20 and 21 of the same paragraph as "The Assistant Women's Welfare Officer".
delete the words "Indian Women's Civic Corps" in the third lines from the bottom in the same paragraph; and
insert the words "Department of Women's Welfare".

In paragraph 6 (d)

For the letters and figures "Rs40-2-50" occuring in the 8th line, substitute "45-3-60-2-90".

In paragraph 7, in the 2nd sub-paragraph

insert the word "ex-Junior Commissioned officer" between words "ex-Viceroy's Commissioned Officer and "or ex-Senior Non-Commissioned Officer" against the heading Vice-President.

In paragraph 7, in the 3rd sub-paragraph under members

for the words "Viceroy's Commissioned Officers, Non-Commissioned officers and men -- generally the Welfare Workers as representatives of a group of villages of the taluk"
substitute "Ex-Viceroy's Commissioned Officers, ex-Junior Commissioned Officers, Ex-Non-Commissioned Officers and ex-Servicemen as representatives of a group of villages of the taluk".

insert the words "or an ex-Junior Commissioned Officer"Between the words "ex-Viceroy's Commissioned Officer" and "or and an ex-Senior Non-Commissioned officer will act as Secretary."
Delete Paragraphs 8 and 9 and re-number subsequent paragraphs.

Delete the word "furniture under the heading of paragraph 11 and and substitute the word "forms".

In paragraph 11 "Stationery and furniture for District Sailors' Soldiers' and Airmen's Boards Substitute the following for the existing sentence.

"Stationery and forms will be supplied by the Superintendent of Stationery and the Superintendent of the Government Press, Madras."

In paragraph 12 "Accommodation for District Sailors', Soldier and Airmen's Boards" substitute the following for the existing para;

"The Offices of the District Sailors' Soldiers' and Airmen's Boards will be accommodated in the respective Employment offices in the Didstrict, free of rent."

In paragraph 13 "Ex-services Centres" substitute the following in the existing paragraph:

"Six ex-Services Centres (Combined buildings for Distr Sailors', Soldiers' and Airmen's Board's Offices and Rea House) have been built in Tinnevelly, Tanjore, Cuddalore Vellore, Coimbatore and Guntur. Except in Coimbatore, i the other 5 centres the Employment office also is locate in this building itself. In Coimbatore as the Employmen Office is in a separate building, the District Sailors', Soldiers' and Airmen's Board Office is also located in t Employment Office building".

BY ORDER OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

K.G. Menon.
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To the Secretary, Madras Provincial Sailors', Soldiers' and Airmen's Boards, Madras.
To all Collectors.
To the Accountant General, Madras.
To the Director of Resettlement and Employment, Cathedral Post, Madras
To the Commandant, Indian Women's Welfare Department, Madras.

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